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- 1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY NOT SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SEPHERI YESTERDAY (FEB 28), BREWIN DID SPEAK WITH MEHRAN, CONVEYING TO HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. MEHRAN WAS NON COMMITTAL AND GAVE NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT US POSITION ON THE MATTER GAVE HIM ANY PROBLEM. GOI'S DESIRE TO GET FROM US A LONG TERM COMMITMENT ON GRAIN SHIPMENTS HAS, OF COURSE, THUS FAR BEEN IN DOMAIN OF MINISTERIES OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE AND WE WOULD EXPECT MATTER WOULD AT LEAST SURFACE AT SOME POINT DURING COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS.
- 2. MEHRAN THEN SAID THAT ANSARY HAD MADE REVISIONS IN OUR DRAFT MINUTES WITH THE PURPOSE OF GETTING A MORE GENERALIZED AND LESS DETAILED DOCUMENT. THE REVISED VERSION HE IS BRINGING WITH HIM. ANSARY HAD ADDED, HOWEVER, SOME SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON GAS, OIL AND PETROCHEMICALS. MEHRAN DID NOT PRECISELY RECALL THIS LANGUAGE, BUT AS DEPARTMENT AWARE GOI IS VERY INTERESTED CONFIDENTIAL

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IN MOVING AHEAD ON THE THREE PETROCHEMICAL PROJECTS INVOLVING

US FIRMS (DOW, UNION CARBIDE AND PHILLIPS- ASHLAND-GOODRICH) AND THE LNG PROJECT INVOLVING EL PASO NATURAL GAS.

3. MEHRAN CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT HE HOPED THE USG AT ALL LEVELS UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE THE GOI ATTACHES TO THE IRANIAN DELEGATION'S VISIT. SHORN OF ITS PERSIAN CIRCUMLOCUTIONS, MEHRAN'S PITCH WAS SIMPLY THAT HE HOPED THAT THE USG WOULD GIVE ANSARY PERSONIALLY THE FULL RED CARPET TREATMENT. HELMS

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